

CITY OF WINCHESTER
COMMON COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2014

Public Hearing @ 6:30 pm for Cast Metals Technology, Inc. (CM-TEC) Tax Abatement

At its January 20, 2014 meeting the Council approved a Preliminary Tax Abatement for Cast Metals Technology, Inc. (CM-TEC). Council also approved a date for a public hearing to consider adopting a resolution regarding a designation of an Economic Revitalization Area.

Mayor Croyle opened the floor for public comment on the matter of tax abatement for Cast Metals Technology, Inc. Ryan Olney, Representative from Cast Metals Technology, INC. was present to speak for the tax abatement. The business is becoming more and more competitive. This tax abatement will be for an automatic molding machine. This will be an additional unit so capacity can be increased. At the Winchester location CM-TEC currently employees 35 people; five additional employees will be added with the new equipment.

There being no one else requesting to speak, the floor was closed and the public hearing was adjourned.

Public Hearing closed @6:34 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance – Mayor Croyle

Prayer – Councilor Sells

Regular meeting @ 6:35 p.m.

Council Chambers / City Hall / 113 E. Washington St.

Mayor Croyle called the meeting to order and presided over the meeting. Clerk-Treasurer, Vicki Haney, recorded the minutes.

The Clerk's roll call showed five City Council Members present.

Precinct 1	Councilor Larry Preston
Precinct 2	Councilor Tom Sells
Precinct 3	Councilor Santiago (Jim) Nunez Jr.
Precinct 4	Councilor Leesa Friend
At Large	Councilor Todd Schroeder

Additional Officials Present:

Meeks Cockerill, City Attorney and Mike Burk, Police Chief

Citizens Present:

Ryan Olney, Cast Metals Technology Representative

Media Present:

Bill Richmond (News Gazette)

Approval of the Minutes:

Councilor Preston moved to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2014 meeting. Councilor Friend seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Resolution No. 2014-5

Resolution No. 2014-5 was presented by Cast Metals Technology and was entitled, "CITY COUNCIL OF WINCHESTER, INDIANA, CONFIRMATORY RESOLUTION FOR THE DESIGNATION OF AN ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA."

Councilor Schroeder moved to have Resolution No. 2014-5 read by title only. Councilor Nunez seconded. Motion passed 5-0. Reading complete. Councilor Schroeder moved to approve the reading of Resolution No. 2014-5. Councilor Friend seconded. Motion passed 5-0. Thus it becomes Resolution No. 2014-6.

Resolution No. 2014-6

Resolution No. 2014-6 was presented by Cast Metals Technology and was entitled, "COMMON COUNCIL OF WINCHESTER, INDIANA, CONFIRMATORY RESOLUTION GRANTING TAX ABATEMENT TO CAST METALS TECHNOLOGY, INC."

Councilor Schroeder moved to have Resolution No. 2014-6 read by title only. Councilor Preston seconded. Motion passed 5-0. Reading complete. Councilor Schroeder moved to approve the reading of Resolution No. 2014-6. Councilor Sells seconded. Motion passed 5-0. Thus it becomes Resolution No. 2014-6.

NEW BUSINESS

Business Personal Property Tax

Mayor Croyle reported there is currently legislation at the Indiana State House that will eliminate the business personal property tax. Three different proposals have been submitted: 1) Governor Pence proposed all personal property tax is completely eliminated; 2) the House proposed in HB1001 that all property tax is eliminated over an extended period of time; and 3) the Senate proposed in SB1 eliminates personal property tax for businesses that have an obligation of less than Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) and lowers the corporate income tax to 4.9% over time until 2017. Many Cities and Towns are opposed to eliminating the tax because a state replacement revenue source has not been proposed. Resolutions are being adopted across the state that opposes the legislation. The elimination of business personal property tax will eliminate Five Hundred Twenty Eight Thousand Four Hundred Thirty Four Dollars (\$528,434.00) per year from the revenue of the City. Revenue loss for the TIF (Tax Increment Financing) district will be One Hundred Sixty Three Thousand Dollars (\$163,000.00) per year.

Resolution No. 2014-4

Resolution No. 2014-4 was presented by the City Council and was entitled, "RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WINCHESTER, RANDOLPH COUNTY, INDIANA, IN OPPOSITION OF HB 1001 AND SB 1 – THE ELIMINATION OF BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX". This resolution proclaims the Common Council is against eliminating the business personal property tax without a state replacement revenue source. Councilor Nunez moved to have Resolution No. 2014-4 read by title only. Councilor Schroeder seconded. Motion passed 5-0. Reading complete. Councilor Schroeder moved to approve the reading of Resolution No. 2014-4. Councilor Sells seconded. Motion passed 5-0. Thus it becomes Resolution No. 2014-4. The theory behind the elimination of the business personal property tax is for economic development. Mayor Croyle will submit Resolution No. 2014-4 to IACT (Indiana Association of Cities and Towns).

Randolph County 911 Dispatching

Mayor Croyle explained the City Officials have been trying to work out a plan to fully fund the Randolph County 911 Dispatching Center for 2014. A memorandum of understanding will be presented so the City can help sustain the dispatching center so all the residents of Winchester and Randolph County remain safe. The property tax levy for 2015 will be transferred to the County so the City will not have to pay the county for the services anymore. A sum will be transferred to the County for the service for 2014. A copy of the agreement will be presented to the Common Council once it is approved.

Public Concerns

Councilor Nunez stated the citizens of District 3 (three) appreciated the snow being cleared off of the hydrants.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Croyle announced he will be meeting with OCRA (Office of Community and Rural Affairs) on February 4, 2014 in the afternoon.

Mayor Croyle will be meeting with a local employer to discuss development and expansion of current facilities.

Mayor Croyle and ARa Administrators for the Aging in Place Program will meet on February 5, 2014.

Mayor Croyle will be attending a legislative committee meeting in Indianapolis on February 7, 2014.

Mayor Croyle and Mr. Bruce Hosier, executive director of the Randolph County Economic Development Corporation, plan to attend the ACT/Work Ready Communities Certification Seminar on February 10-12, 2014 in Atlanta, Georgia; this will be funded through the Randolph County Economic Development Office.

Tracy Dishman, Marketing Social Media contracted by the Winchester Redevelopment Commission, assisted with a soft launch of the marketing campaign for social media on January 30, 2014. The City is currently visible on Facebook, YouTube, LinkedIn, Twitter, and Flickr. Other social media sites will be added in the future.

The Parks Department will be shopping for a truck. The City could use Beeson Funds to offset the expense of the truck. Quotes will be received before any action is taken.

Announcements

The Board of Public Works and Safety will meet February 4, 2014 in the Council Chambers at 8:00 am. The Winchester Redevelopment Commission will meet February 12, 2014 in the Council Chambers at 5:00 pm.

Adjournment

There being no further matters to discuss, Councilor Schroeder moved to adjourn. Councilor Friend seconded. Motion passed 5-0. The February 3, 2014 meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Mayor, Steve Croyle

ATTEST: _____
Clerk-Treasurer, Vicki Haney